

**Amendments to the Claims**

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions of claims in the application:

1-22. (Canceled)

23. (New) A rack for storing billiard balls and cues, said rack comprising:

a first rack portion for releasably retaining billiard cues;

a second rack portion for attaching a billiard ball holder;

said billiard ball holder attached to said second rack portion;

said billiard ball holder having an elongated body defining an elongated, substantially cylindrical cavity, said elongated substantially cylindrical space having a diameter configured to closely retain a plurality of billiard balls, said elongated body having an opening at one end which permits billiard balls to pass therethrough to said elongated substantially cylindrical space.

24. (New) A rack for storing billiard balls and cues in accordance with claim 23 wherein:

said billiard ball holder is attached to said second rack portion in a generally upright position, whereby said end having said opening defines an upper end of said ball holder.

25. (New) A rack for storing billiard balls and cues in accordance with claim 23 wherein:

said ball holder includes an elongated slot providing visual access to said elongated substantially cylindrical space such that a user can determine whether or not billiard balls are present in said ball holder.

26. (New) A rack for storing billiard balls in accordance with claim 23 wherein:  
said first rack portion includes a lower portion and an upper portion;  
said lower portion having at least one lower opening configured to receive a  
first end of a billiard cue; and  
said upper portion including at least one opening in registry with said lower  
opening to receive and retain a tip portion of a billiard cue and support the billiard cue in a  
generally upright position.